

was therefore elected as a member of this House from Prince George's county, and George B. Merrick was not elected.

We accordingly report that the said Charles W. Darr is entitled to the seat in this House now held by George B. Merrick, the sitting member from Prince George's county.

Respectfully submitted,

ADONIRAM J. ROBINSON,
Acting Chairman.

FRANK J. GATELY,

ISAAC S. B. NETT,

HUMPHREY D. WOLFE,

HENRY J. ANDERSON, (Wor.)

Mr Wolfinger submitted the following minority
REPORT:

To the Honorable Members of the
House of Delegates of Maryland:

I beg to submit, herewith, a minority report from the Committee on Elections of this Honorable Body, as to the matter of the contest between Charles W. Darr and George B. Merrick, regarding the membership in this Honorable Body, as one of the delegates representing Prince George's county.

The contest in this case has been conducted on the part of the contestant without regard to the manner prescribed by the laws of this State. By the terms of the Constitution, this House is made the judge of the qualifications and election of its members, as prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the State. The manner and mode of a contest for a seat in this Honorable Body is expressly provided for in Article 33 of the Code, sections 119 to 135 inclusive.

By the terms of this Article, it is required that the contest shall be carried on by the examination of witnesses taken in the manner herein prescribed and in no other. Although the contestant, Mr. Darr, gave notice to Mr. Merrick, the sitting member of his intention to contest the seat on November 27th, 1899, he made no